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In re application of: Carpentier, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3738

Application No.: 10/729,035

Examiner: David J. Isabella

Filing Date: December 5, 2003

For: FLEXIBLE HEART VALVE AND ASSOCIATED
CONNECTING BANDMail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 3, 2006, please see the amendments and remarks below.

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